Entertainment of Mr. Devadhar as a State Guest.

356. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have read the sub-leader published in the 'Gomathi', dated 19th Kambham 1106 under the heading '[illegible] 10] ovel,000';

(b) what expense was incurred in entertaining Mr. Devadhar at Trichur as a Government Guest;

(c) how long did he remain at Trichur as a Government Guest;

(d) who was in charge of making necessary arrangements for his stay at Trichur;

(e) whether an account of the expenses incurred by the Government during his stay at Trichur will be printed and placed on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) No separate account was kept for Mr. Devadhar alone. Mr. S. K. Yagnanaravana Ayyar was also entertained as a State Guest with Mr. Devadhar for 3 days from 4th January 1934.

(c) He came to Trichur on 3rd January 1934. He went to Irinjalakkuda on the 5th afternoon, returned to Trichur on the 6th evening and left it on the 9th morning.

(d) The Trichur Division Co-operative Inspector Mr. T. V. Rangaswami Ayyar.

(e) The accounts have not been finally passed.

Pendency of files in the Huzur Office.

357. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give the number of files kept more than

(1) three months
(2) six months
(3) one year
(4) two years

and (5) three years pending disposal in the Huzur Secretariat?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) 623.
(2) 405
(3) 228
(4) 103
(5) 51

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to (3), (4) and (5) do not the Government think that there are too many?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We do not think it so, because in every Government you will find the same in larger numbers. They all depend upon the communications, for example the Harbour question. There will be a file which will be carried over to 15 or 20 years.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Anyway, do you intend to increase the number of clerks?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a question of increasing the number of clerks but it is a question of expediting the work. The work will depend upon several other extraneous factors.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the Government have any idea to increase the number of hands in the Huzur Secretariat?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is a proposal. The Council has voted for it.

Cochin Central Co-operative Bank.

358. Mr K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) who is the ex-officio treasurer of the Cochin Central Co-operative Bank;

(b) what is meant by the item named departmental dues shown in the Annual Audit report of the Central Co-operative Bank;

(c) how many years has this been recurring in the balance sheet of the said Bank;

(d) from which department has this Bank to realise this amount;

(e) what steps, if any, has this Bank taken to recover this amount; and

(f) what steps have the Government taken to clear off this amount due to the Bank?

Rama Varmha Tampuran;—(a) The local Tahsildar.

(b) "Departmental Dues" is the amount due from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to the stock section of the Bank

(c) For 10 years from 1099 M. E.

(d) Vide answer to part (b).

(e) Frequent references to the Registrar were sent as in the case of other dues to the section.

(f) There was no necessity for the Government to take any action. The account was closed by the Registrar.

359. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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